

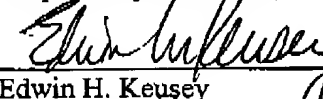
REMARKS

The above amendment is made in response to the Office Action of August 30, 2001. Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,824,464 to Schell et al. In reply, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-16 without prejudice. New claims 17-57 have been added.

Applicants sincerely appreciate the Examiner's effort in reviewing the previously submitted claims. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the newly submitted claims 17-57.

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